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## Global Forum on Migration and Development

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* that the 2005 World Summit Outcome[1] acknowledged the important nexus between international migration and development and the need to deal with the challenges and opportunities that migration presents and reaffirmed the resolve to take measures to ensure the respect for and protection of the human rights of migrants, migrant workers and members of their families,

*Considering* that the report of the Secretary-General of 18 May 2006 on international migration and development,[2] prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 59/241 of 22 December 2004 and 60/227 of 23 December 2005, highlighted the fact that, within the United Nations system, there is no entity mandated to systematically address all matters related to international migration,

*Recalling* that Member States participating in the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, held in New York on 14 and 15 September 2006, expressed interest in continuing the dialogue on migration and development and, with that aim, welcomed the proposal of the Secretary-General to create a global forum to address, in depth and in a systematic manner, all topics related to international migration and development,

*Considering* that the summary of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, as contained in a note by the President of the General Assembly,[3] underlined the close link among migration, development and human rights, as well as that respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants was essential for taking advantage of the positive aspects of international migration,

[1] See resolution 60/1, paras. 61 and 62.
[2] A/60/871.
[3] A/61/515.

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*Recalling* the importance of ensuring that the perspective on the human rights of migrants is included as a priority matter in the debates that are held in the United Nations system,

*Welcoming* the outcomes of the First Meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, held in Brussels from 9 to 11 July 2007 under the auspices of the Government of Belgium,

*Noting* that the convening of the First Meeting of the Global Forum has already resulted in the establishment of an official focal point on migration and development at the national level,

*Recognizing* that the outcomes of the First Meeting of the Global Forum will greatly contribute to the discussions at the Second Meeting of the Global Forum to be held in Manila in October 2008,

*Recognizing also* that the Global Forum is an initiative of Member States that should be strengthened with the aim of addressing the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development with an integral approach,

1. *Recognizes* the need to enhance the efforts to establish a closer link between the Global Forum on Migration and Development and the United Nations for mutual support of their contributions on the issue of international migration and development, and in this regard, requests:

(a) The Secretary-General to present, at the Second Meeting of the Global Forum in 2008, an evaluation of the existing cooperation mechanisms on migration and development, in order to promote a coherent discussion on the migration phenomenon;

(b) The organizers of the Second Meeting of the Global Forum to transmit the report of the meeting to the Secretary-General so that it may be distributed to all Member States;

2. *Requests* Members States that participate in the Second Meeting of the Global Forum to promote the discussion on the human rights of migrants as a central topic in its agenda;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session.